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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ARARAO ET AL.

Examiner

Thanh T. Nguyen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/13/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10, 21-30 are stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hawthorne et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,991), as previously applied.

Referring to figures 3-4, 9-11, Hawthorne et al. teaches a method for fabricating a semiconductor heat spreader, comprising:
providing a unitary metallic plate (see figures 9-10); and
forming the unitary metallic plate into:
a panel(68/114);
channel walls depending from the panel (68/114) to define a channel (44/110) between the channel walls and the panel for receiving a semiconductor therein (see figures 3-4, 9-10);

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at least two feet (70, see figures 3-4, 9-10) extending from respective channel walls for attachment to a substrate (138); and

at least one external reversing bend (72a/72b/116/118/146/148, see figures 4, 9-10).

Regarding to claims 2, 9, 22, 29. the feet are selected from an arched foot, a stand-off foot, a slotted stand-off foot, a toed foot, a stand-off toed foot, a flat foot, a slotted flat foot, a zigzag foot, a box foot, and a combination thereof (70, see figures 3-4, 9-10).

Regarding to claims 3, 9, 23, 29. forming the feet to accommodate respective set volumes of adhesive therebeneath for attaching the semiconductor heat spreader to a substrate (63/112, called conductive lead lamination).

Regarding to claims 4, 24. forming an electromagnetic interference shield for the channel (114, so that the magnetic field won't able to go through the metal shield).

Regarding to claims 5, 10, 25, 30. providing an additional unitary metallic plate (128/150); and forming the additional unitary metallic plate into a unitary auxiliary heat spreader configured for attachment on top of the semiconductor heat spreader (see figures 9-10).

Regarding to claims 6, 10, 26, 30. forming attachment means for attaching the unitary auxiliary heat spreader to the semiconductor heat spreader, the attachment means being selected from tabs, locking tabs, deformable sides, side ledges, side clips, clip bosses, center clips, side arms, and a combination thereof (legs, 124/126/158/160).

Regarding to claims 7, 27-28. forming the unitary metallic plate further comprises forming the unitary metallic plate in substantially a single metal forming process to also form an integral auxiliary heat spreader located on top of the panel (see figures 4, 9, 10).

Regarding to claims 8, 9, 21, 29. forming the unitary metallic plate further comprises forming the unitary metallic plate in substantially a single metal forming process into a cross-sectional profile that is substantially constant in at least one horizontal direction (see figures 3-4, 9-10).

Noted that references (Tosaya et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,538,320, and Ommen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,397,917) also teaches all of the limitations as described in claims 1-10, 21-30.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/13/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that Hawthorne et al. does not teach or suggest a cross-sectional profile that is substantially constant in at least one horizontal direction. In response to applicant that since chip (44) has fixed dimension, hence heat spreader forms over the chip that has a fixed dimension must have constant dimension in the horizontal direction (see figures 3-4).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1695, or by Email via address Thanh.Nguyen@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00AM to 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead, can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956 (**See MPEP 203.08**).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thanh', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

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